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In 1990 I bought my first computer. It had a profound effect on my ability to express myself.

There were three basic choices. Apple, IBM or IBM compatible. A friend advised me to build my own IBM compatible and save several thousand dollars.

His assessment was that Apple is the easiest to use, but any modification to Apple is much more expensive. Because I had no idea how a computer works, I decided to buy an IBM to insure quality.

Looking back, I can see the wisdom in buying an IBM compatible.

Over the years I have purchased a lot of software for computers. All Microsoft software proved to be a good purchase. If they are overpriced, the marketplace will adjust their position.

It is understandable that Mario Monti would like to have American ingenuity at a reduced price. I don't understand why anyone in the US would like to kill the goose that laid the golden egg.

The bottom line is that Microsoft puts out a product that allows individuals to increase their productivity far beyond the cost of the software. Why does the US government want to add on all of the legal fees to the cost of the software.

Please tell the attorneys to go get a productive job.